

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)

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) Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
) Table of Allotments,
) FM Broadcast Stations.
) (Opelousas, Louisiana)

) MB Docket No. 02-322
) RM-10584

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REPORT AND ORDER

(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted March 12, 2003

Released: March 14, 2003

By the Assistant Chief, Audio Division:

1. The Audio Division considers herein a multiple docket *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* ("Notice") that commenced two separate rulemaking proceedings to allot FM channels to different communities. This Report **and Order** resolves one of these proceedings, MB Docket No. 02-322. In this proceeding, Opelousas Radio Broadcasters ("Petitioner"), filed a Petition for Rule Making seeking the allotment of Channel 279A to Opelousas, Louisiana, as that community's third FM commercial aural transmission service.¹ Petitioner filed comments, reiterating an intention to apply for Channel 279A if it is allotted to Opelousas, as requested. No counterproposals or additional comments were received in response to the above-listed docket.

2. In view of the interest expressed in providing an additional FM local aural transmission service to Opelousas, we will allot Channel 279A to that community, as requested. As stated in the Notice, Channel 279A can be allotted to Opelousas in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, provided there is a site restriction of 7.3 kilometers (4.6 miles) south of Opelousas?

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, **0.204(b)** and 0.283 of the Commission's rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective **April 28, 2003**, the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below. to read as follows:

CommunityChannel No.

Opelousas, Louisiana

279A, 290A, 296A

¹ See Opelousas, **Louisiana**, 17 FCC Rcd 20089 (MB 2002).

² Station KSLO(AM), Station KRXE(FM), and KOGM(FM) is currently assigned to Opelousas.

³ The reference coordinates for Channel 279A at Opelousas, Louisiana are 30-28-18 NL and 92-03-14 WL

4. The window ~~period~~ for filing applications for Channel 279A at Opelousas, Louisiana will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening this allotment for auction will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

5. IT IS **FURTHER** ORDERED, That the aforementioned proceeding IS TERMINATED.

6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Rolanda F. Smith, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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